

RUGBY NEWS.

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Get your shooting irons ready; the season for Spring Poets is almost upon us.

In darkest Congress — The corners frequented by the lobbyists and the Congressmen whose souls and votes have been bartered for a mess of pottage.

Lent cancels social debts, but it doesn't pay the paper man and the printer; therefore please remember that it doesn't cancel overdue newspaper subscriptions.

It would be perfectly safe to offer a valuable prize for a valid reason against electing United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

There are no such reasons.

To the gentlemen who are trying to muddle the silver pool investigation at Washington: Truth is mighty and will in the end prevail, and when it does woe unto those who tried to smother it.

The farmers of the country never knew until this winter how many friends they had among the most prominent men in both political parties, but talk is cheap, and the farmers require something more substantial.

The democratic leaders have embarked in the letter-writing business. It is an extremely dangerous occupation for a politician to engage in, as the past has fully demonstrated. But it always has been, and probably always will be difficult to persuade a man to profit by the experience of others; he must go through the mill himself. Well, it's not our funeral any way.

Governor Northern, of Georgia was right in refusing to take an official part in receiving Jay Gould because he considered Mr. Gould's visit to his state as being made in his own interest, without regard to the interests of the masses of the state; but if the governor has any financial irons in the fire he would better be very careful; Gould is a vindictive man and will stop at nothing to get even with those who dare to cross his path.

Those statesmen who say that the ideas advanced by the Farmers Alliance will soon blow over seem to be hitting very near the bull's eye of truth. Those ideas are being blown all over the country on every passing breeze, and the breezes threaten to become cyclones by the time some of the scoffers are ready to stand up for re-election.

The fate of Senator Ingalls should be most carefully considered by public men, and the rocks upon which his Senatorial sail went to pieces should be conspicuously remarked upon the navigation chart of politics.

THE Kearsarge.

The Kearsarge steamed away to sea until about nine or ten miles from the breakwater, when she veered and headed direct for the Alabama. She stopped the chase the boys had been passing around about her having weakened and turned tail, and each one seemed to realize at last that this was to be no child's play. By this time about three miles intervened between the belligerents, which was rapidly being decreased. When within about a mile and a quarter from the Kearsarge the Alabama veered, presenting her starboard broadside, and opened the ball by firing her 110-pounder rifled pivot at an elevation for 2,000 yards range, followed almost simultaneously by a whole broadside. The guns were worked and served with the utmost rapidity, and in a few minutes another broadside was poured in, when the Kearsarge, being by this time about 800 yards distant, presented her starboard battery, and the firing became general. The spirit of courage had begun to animate the crew, and the desire to be the upper dog in the fight stirred each man to emulation. A few broadsides passed, when the Kearsarge, under full head of steam, forged ahead, steering so as to pass the Alabama's stern and rake her fore and aft, and also get between her and the shore. This maneuver was checked by a port helm, causing both vessels to move in a circle, revolving round a common center, distant from each other about 500 or 600 yards. The fire meantime continued with unabated vigor. The steady directness of the fire from the Kearsarge now began to be felt. The eleven-inch shells poured into the Alabama with sickening regularity and precision, dealing death and destruction on every hand. Guns were dismounted and their crews decimated by a single shot. Early in the action a shell struck the blade of the fan, breaking it short off and injuring the rider. Another landed in the engine-room and tore things all to pieces, damaging the machinery, making a hole in the boiler, and flooding the stoke-hole with boiling water.

On the deck the prospect was no more cheering. Men dropped dead, out in twin by shot and shell, by the crashing and flying splinters, mingled with the muttered curses of the seamen and the hoarse orders of gunners and officers. At 12:30, Mr. Kell had his foretopmasts hoisted and attempted to stand in toward shore, distant by this time about five miles. This was prevented by his opponent ranging up and pouring in a raking fire of shot and shell. Word was passed aft almost immediately that the vessel was sinking, whereupon a flag of truce was suspended from the quarter and the new officer, Sinclair, sent in a boat to surrender the vessel. During his absence the whole boat, dingy, and three cutters were launched, and preparations made to desert the doomed vessel. Before they could be perfected, however, she settled by the stern, her head rising high out of the water. The mainmast, which had been already badly shattered by the firing, went by the board, and a few seconds sufficed to engulf the shattered bulk of the late scourge of the sea. Struggling in the vortex were many of the crew, and the efforts of Sinclair, who had received permission from Capt. Winslow to return and rescue the survivors, were soon ably seconded by the boats of the Deerhound, two cutters from the Kearsarge and two French pilot-boats, who were near the spot. The whole boat and dingy of the Alabama, well freighted, made quickly for the yacht, which immediately steamed to the northward, bearing safely away from captivity Capt. Sommes and a majority of his "best bowmen," while the cutters transferred their cargoes to the Kearsarge. One pilot-boat turned over those she had rescued to the same sheltering care, while the other stood in for shore and aided in the escape of those who were lucky enough to get on board of her. The Kearsarge picked up and transferred to her decks a total of 6 officers and sixty-three men, and the Deerhound, reached Southport with thirteen of his officers and thirty of his crew and petty officers. The pilot boat landed quite a number, and the killed and wounded were now accounted for.

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FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

NEWS OF THE MOVEMENT. SHAMEFUL.

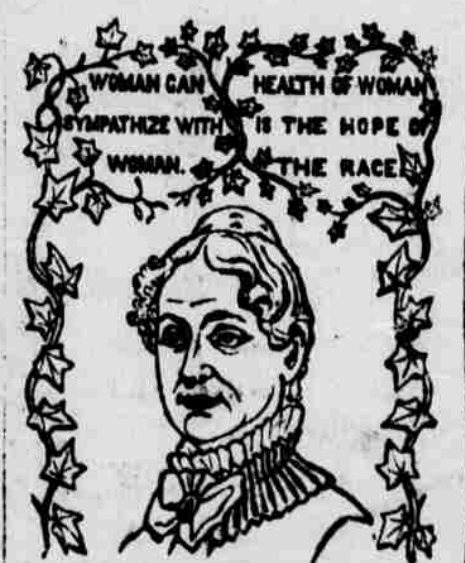
Government Discrimination in Favor of National Banks Both Criminal and Disgraceful.

In the report of the Comptroller of the Currency it is stated that there are in the United States 3,567 National banks, with an average capital of \$650,447,335, surplus \$313,568,895 and undivided profits \$97,000,636. It must be borne in mind that every dollar of this vast amount of money is the legitimate property of the people, and that by giving it to the above institutions the act is equal in criminality to that of the highway robber when he halts the citizen and ordering him to throw up his hands goes through his pockets at the point of the pistol. Nay, worse; for the highwayman does not ask that he be paid for the trouble of robbing the citizen; the National banker does; he asks that he be paid interest on the amount of security he deposits with the Government for the trouble of rifling the pockets of his fellow-citizens in the difference between one per cent. and five per cent., or, in other words, the difference between the amount of interest paid to the National banks by the people for the use of their own money, and that which they would have to pay the Government for the same privilege. Robbery! Can any one conceive of a greater crime against a generous and confiding people than this? Nice business this for a Government presuming to guide the destinies of 65,000,000 of people! Not to speak of it profanely, one would think that in this larceny—as it deserves to be characterized—"somebody eats part of the hog," and who would that somebody be but—to their eternal shame—the Government officials themselves!—Pacific Union.

THE VOTER RESPONSIBLE.

The Workingman Must Act Independent of the Old Parties.

Under a government based on popular suffrage the ultimate responsibility for every abuse rests with the individual citizen. It is neither just nor reasonable for workmen to blame employers, capitalists or legislators for the system under which labor is robbed of its earnings, unless they themselves are doing their utmost to change that system. It is especially unfair to charge the politicians with maintaining unjust laws while continuing to vote for the parties whose creatures the politicians are. There is no sense in blaming the representatives of the people for doing exactly what they are elected to do. The voting parties do not wish to reform deep-seated abuses or to alter the relations between capitalism and labor. So long as workmen choose to stand on their platforms and vote for their candidates, it is both illogical and imprudent for them afterward to turn round and find fault with politicians who are only carrying out the mandate of their constituents. If the masses of the people would only be true to themselves, they would soon make an end of usury, rent, profit and all other forms of exploitation. But it is useless to rail at the depopulating classes and their agents for maintaining the system until they themselves have the courage of their convictions.—Journal of Knights of Labor.



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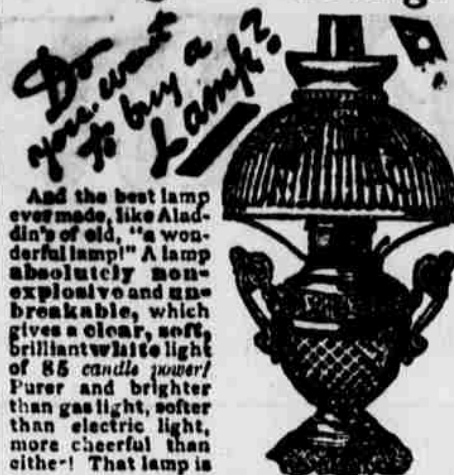
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